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1. On 5 October and 8 October 1953 five special trains left Prague with machinery and tools from Sokolovo for Tibet. The material is destined for Chantu in Sikang, and will be used for the construction of the new strategic road from Chantu to Lhassa.
2. This road, which will be more than 1,000 km long, is being constructed under the supervision of the Chinese Fifth Army, commanded by General Li Chu-Teh.
3. A group of 25 Czechoslovak technicians and engineers, headed by Engineer Rychtarik, accompanied the materiel. In Krakow the Czechoslovak group was augmented by several Polish technicians.

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